right?

DELEGATE TERRELL: Right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Very good.

Can we dispose of that? I mean I hate to take issue with the Secretary, but if it is legitimate to make such an announcement to the body, anything that can be announced to the body can certainly be posted. I understand, Mr. Secretary, your desire to be faithful to the rules, right?

Okay, the discussion on this issue has concluded. I think you made your announcement.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Our next committee chair -- it seems to me that if on every Saturday we are going to give time to the committees an opportunity to report, we might have to interject a time, otherwise we would never get through the committee reports, and you might get bored with them and not really get the full scope of what's going on.

So our next committee is Economic Development and Mr. Cooper is going to keep the time for five minutes; from there we are going to go to the other.

DELEGATE BARNES: We have been working mostly this past week in finalizing our roundtable which will be held next week.

VOICE: Which committee is this, Mr. Barnes?

DELEGATE BARNES: This is the Committee on Economic Development. Next week at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. The purpose of the roundtable will be to invite experts in various fields related to our committees to talk to us and advise us on various issues that could or could not be presented in a constitution and give us a chance to further educate ourselves on these topics.

At the same time, we've been working on -- we also brief each other on various topics. We did our own research and reported it, and we sent out a letter to -- sorry. We've developed a list of questions to ask the people at the roundtable and anyone is free to get a copy of that. They can see me after the meeting.

Are there any questions from the floor?

DELEGATE SHELTON: Delegate Barnes, did you say from 2:00 to 5:00 and then at 6:30 you said --

DELEGATE BARNES: Okay, excuse me. It's 2:00 to 5:00 and 6:30 to 10:00 both days. Okay. And that will be held in the main auditorium here at the convention hall.

Any other comments, corrections, or questions?

DELEGATE CORN: Two questions: Did we get all those letters out?

DELEGATE BARNES: Yes.

DELEGATE CORN: What's the story on the letters?

DELEGATE BARNES: Not all of them have gotten out. That's all I know.

Does anyone else know anything about the letters?

DELEGATE CORN: Can I ask something else? We agreed in our last session that we were going to have a ten-minute meeting when this meeting ended.

DELEGATE BARNES: Right.

DELEGATE CORN: Are we still having that and, if so, in what room? Would you announce that?

DELEGATE BARNES: That I'm not sure of. We did schedule a meeting at the end of this.

DELEGATE CORN: For ten minutes?

DELEGATE BARNES: Yes.

DELEGATE CORN: And shall we say it's in this room?

DELEGATE BARNES: Fine.

DELEGATE CORN: Okay. And the third part --

DELEGATE COOPER: I would like to know who "we" is. I happen to be on that committee myself.

DELEGATE CORN: So you're part of the "we".

DELEGATE BARNES: We have decided a ten-minute meeting after the plenary session.

DELEGATE COOPER: Is this notification right here and now?

DELEGATE CORN: No. That notification was at the last meeting, at the end. You just weren't there, Bill.

DELEGATE COOPER: Forty-eight hour telephone notice, two tries, four hours between each notice?

DELEGATE BARNES: I will check out in the hall and see if it's posted out --

DELEGATE COOPER: I'm just asking if notice --

DELEGATE CORN: Wait a second; wait. We had recessed until this time for ten minutes after this meeting. It was a recess.

DELEGATE COOPER: Do the minutes of that meeting reflect a recess?

DELEGATE CORN: I don't know. I haven't seen the minutes of that meeting yet.

DELEGATE BARNES: Delegate Marcus.

DELEGATE MARCUS: In answer to both your questions -- and I understand the Secretary's point, but I really wish to point out to the Chair that his constant picky questions are stalling up the committee reports. But in answer to both those questions the letters that have not gone out have not gone out because certain delegates of the committee have

not supplied appropriate addresses to the Chair so they could get them out, number one; and number two, the purpose of that ten-minute meeting, as I understood it, was to make sure that those appropriate addresses were all in the same place.

DELEGATE COOPER: I was just asking if the meeting was legal.

DELEGATE MARCUS: I was supplying information to Delegate Corn, Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE BARNES: Delegate Shelton.

DELEGATE SHELTON: I think that the Secretary needs to be tolerant of the fact that while we are fully aware of the notice for a meeting and fully interested, that we, the delegates are working under considerable hardship and that we are operating an operation and we are trying to piece it together in the interest of the total convention.

And while we recognize that he is the keeper of the records, that maybe if he would be a little tolerant with us during these periods of time until we have had a chance.

In most of these instances the convention, as well as the appropriate person, have been duly notified and we are making every attempt to comply with the rules and

regulations of the convention.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Jones and then we will turn back to Delegate Barnes.

DELEGATE JONES: I'm having some problems here and I don't think that the Secretary ought to be tolerant of us at all because if anybody has kept us on our toes it has been the Secretary. And we need that because we have people here in the delegation who are attorneys, and technical people who are always taking us to task for making a mistake and coming back for reconsideration or killing something that is on the floor that the rest of us, who are not technical people, have not had the -- you know, don't remember all of this stuff.

So I am hopeful that the Secretary will keep abreast and right on reminding us of these technical points so that I will have the same advantage as everybody else in this delegation to comply with the rules and won't be able to call the task because I didn't comply with the rules.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let's not go further on that. I would like to turn this back to Delegate Barnes.

DELEGATE JONES: Yes. I was pointing out the disadvantage.

DELEGATE HARRIS: I think the committee's time is

up. But in your report did you give the persons who will be giving the -- who will be participating in the roundtable?

DELEGATE BARNES: We have a list of letters going out. We have to finalize that list at this time.

DELEGATE HARRIS: It's this coming Tuesday?

DELEGATE BARNES: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think you will -- all right. Do you want to address this to the representative of the committee?

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: To the Executive Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Barnes, have you completed?

DELEGATE BARNES: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Before we go to the next one, yes.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Hilda Mason at large.

What is the mechanism for getting word out in 48 hours before the committee can meet?

THE CHAIRMAN: Simply give it to the Executive Secretary who is now on board and charged with following through on that commitment.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: How does each person get the notification? I would like a specific answer.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, one of the things that she

does is to post a notice out there and then put a notice in each person's box. You know, one would assume that each person -- since there are four committee meetings a week -- has an opportunity to look at his box every night. I know of no other way to make a 48-hour notice effective, since the mails wouldn't do it and we don't want to spend that kind of money.

She will put in on the board and put it in each person's box immediately after giving such notice from committee chairpersons or anyone else who wants to make a notification.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: So then the record shows that people will be notified by having a notice in their boxes and by having a notice out at the elevator?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Ellington, is that your understanding?

MRS. ELLINGTON: Yes.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Okay. Our next committee chair will be Delegate Nihikian, Local Government, Intergovernmental Relations and Transition.

DELEGATE NIHIKIAN: The work of the Committee of

Local Government, Intergovernmental Relations and Transition is moving forward. We did hold a briefing on Tuesday with three persons who joined us for a roundtable discussion on issues of local government. Those three persons are the people who were announced last Saturday: Dr. Ron Walters from Howard University; Milton Cottler (Phonetic); and Nelson Rosenbaum from the Center to Responsive Government.

On Thursday we held basically a work session at which time we did complete, I guess the best way to describe it is, a shopping list of issues that should be considered in drafting a section of the constitution of local government. These are now going to be taken by a subcommittee which was formed at our Thursday meeting that will be working with some of the experts to actually complete a draft.

The subcommittee that was formed is a subcommittee on local government. The members are Jan Eichhorn, Talmadge Moore and Philip Schrag. Jan Eichhorn will be the coordinator for that subcommittee.

In keeping with our original work plan we are scheduling -- and everyone has received notice of this -- a briefing on Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:30 on issues of intergovernmental relations and federal interest issues. Speakers will include Jacques DePuis (Phonetic), who was former aide

of the House of Representatives who drafted the Home Rule Act and lobbied in support of passage and The Honorable Robert Harris, who is now Commissioner with the National Mediation Board who was formerly legislative aide to Senator Tom Eagleton and instrumental in drafting the Home Rule charter. He is particularly going to address issues involving the federal payment.

The one final note that I would like to make is that in the report that was handed out by the Rules and Calendar Committee where it did schedule time, I would like to point out that the transition parts of our committee would not be able to make presentation from the floor and do our preliminary work as scheduled until all the other committees have because we have to incorporate that in the transition. So I would like for our coordinating Vice President to take that into account, separate those two out and put Transition down as number eleven on there.

One final note: We are moving forward with work on the issues of boundaries, issues of defining the federal enclave and those are being coordinated and looked at by Delegate Jordan. We are, however, continuing to work as the committee of the whole. Delegate Talmadge Moore is coordinating work on and Delegate Vicky Street on issues of

militia, and relationships with the military.

We've got a very difficult committee because the issues are so scattered and we don't have any models to look at. But we are moving forward in accordance with our work program.

Thank you.

Questions?

(No response.)

DELEGATE HARRIS: Thank you, Delegate Nihikian. Right on the minute.

Education Committee, Delegate Lockridge.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: The Education Committee held its third meeting on Tuesday, March 9th, and its fourth meeting on Thursday, March 11th, at 6:30 p.m. At our Tuesday meeting, six concepts were agreed upon for consideration: provision for public education; equal education opportunity; administrative authority, structure of administrative authority; school finance and taxes; no aid to church-run schools; and higher education.

Committee members have begun to make a comparison of state consitutions to determine where other states were conceptually and what additional concepts we might consider. We are rapidly completing this task and hope to begin

deliberating and discussing these concepts in order to expeditiously begin our writing and meet our charge.

I would like to remind of our public hearing scheduled for April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and since it is being held or scheduled to be held at 415 12th Street, N.W., in the Board of Education Board Room, 12th Floor, I would like to entertain a motion that this delegatio give the Education Committee permission to hold their public hearing at the Board Room.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: I so move.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that this body give permission to the Education Committee to hold their hearing at the school system Board Room, 12th Floor, 415 12th Street, N.W. Any discussion?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Oppose.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion will carry.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Thank you. That ends my report and I thank you kindly.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Okay, the final report, Delegate Corn, Styling and Drafting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Five minutes, Delegate Corn; five minutes.

DELEGATE CORN: Okay. Styling and Drafting had its second meeting yesterday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. S&D, as we call ourselves, had the following things: First of all, we didn't have any tapes, so we had to go out and buy them. The records reflect that and reflect that we want to be reimbursed.

Second of all, we need the roll call retyped with the appropriate changes. When Paramore had during the appropriate time period indicated that she wanted out of the committee and Delegate Graham indicated that she wanted in.

Third of all, we elected Delegate Graham as Vice Chair.

Fourth of all, we are hoping for the staff secretary, as promised to us the sooner the better -- what would be even better, if possible, would be to have a transcript since our work is extremely technical and deals in very specifics of

a comma or no comma or a colon or no colon. That's the kind of things that a delegate who is participating in the meeting just do not take notes on properly.

We recessed last night at 6:00 p.m. until today at one-and-a-half hour after this session, the plenary session closes, and we will stay on until 6:00 p.m. tonight. Our next full meeting will be this coming Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

And let me just tell you this: We need eight people for a quorum. Whether you are there or not, people continue to work; whether we have a quorum or not, we work and as soon as a quorum is attained, we ratify what we have done in the work session, because we have got to move along. If we are supposed to meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from noon until 4:00 we do not have a quorum and we sit around and wait or recess or reconvene at another time, we will never get done. That's what we did yesterday. We announced that in advance at the first meeting that that's what we were going to do, and that's how it is going to be.

So it's incumbent upon the members of this committee to come on time and if there are three people who either have not come or who just showed up for a few minutes to vote at those meetings, would those three people either make it an

effort to come to the meetings or formally resign so that we need less people for a quorum.

Wait a minute, Michael, let me finish.

We also want to thank Philip Schrag for using his word processor so that this won't have to be constantly typed and retyped and Jeannette Feely for bringing along seven style manuals of the United States Government. That was terrific. Both of them are terrific.

We have a great group. It has worked out that we are better off working in one group than in breaking up in subcommittees because this way we do keep a uniform style, we do keep a uniform format. It has worked out perfectly. A few people who were not able to attend the meetings yesterday were kind enough to present us all their comments and changes in writing. We followed them as we went through each section -- we followed what they had suggested. And so if you can't make the meetings but you do want your input, then it's the alternative route. We will consult your notes constantly.

The other thing is, if it's possible, we would like to get an English professor to be like on phone call or something so that when we have a fight over a colon and the rules in the style guidelines were not absolutely clear,

we have somebody to call for the final word.

We've gotten almost up to 2.4 of the unofficial version of the rules. We are going to go back. Before we ratify the entire section of the rules, we will have the whole thing done and then we will go back and look through them to make sure that we made no mistakes.

We have done our utmost and we have in fact followed our mandate to clarify the language without changing the meaning.

Now I have two other things I want to bring up here. The calendar that the Rules and Calendar Committee has presented does not look very feasible to me as chair and, I'm sure when we discuss it later today, we will come up with that.

When that constitution is presented to us in sections and pieces, after the first reading and after the second reading, you cannot expect this committee, S&D, to do all that work two days before the 90 days are up. You had better plan a time in your calendar to give us sufficient time to do the writing.

And the last thing is I understand that one of the procedural things that is going to come up is the business of Xeroxing. Each committee will be afforded so many pages

that they are allowed to Xerox. Well, I could only tell you this: Ours is the largest committee, number one; number two, ours is going to have the most pages to Xerox because we are talking about -- in the end we are doing the entire document; and it's unfeasible to limit the amount of pages we are going to have. We do not have, that I know of, any committee member outside help for Xeroxing. So please be aware that there will be a lot of Xeroxing in this committee and that's just the way it is.

Are there any questions or comments?

DELEGATE HARRIS: Yes. I just want to point out a couple of things. The other committees are very much aware of -- that I think you can take under advisement and one is that a committee should have a quorum before official business is conducted. Other committees have waited until members come to have a quorum. Some committees have not even met, as I have been advised, until a quorum of their committee members have been present. So I think that you ought to keep that in mind in terms of two or three people carrying on the business of the committee.

DELEGATE CORN: Well, we haven't had two or three; it's more like five or six and then somebody goes out to lunch, somebody has a doctor's appointment. We keep right on

working and then when we get the quorum, we go back over what has been done to ratify. And that's the only way we are ever going to get done realistically and feasibly. We have made it clear to everybody that we have to get it done if we are going to meet this 90-day schedule. There is a tremendous amount of writing.

DELEGATE HARRIS: I guess I'm going by the rules and I understand --

DELEGATE CORN: We intend to go by the rules.

DELEGATE HARRIS: The other thing is that I think that there is no provision. I'm not sure if you mentioned -- you mentioned people who give suggestions to the committee if they are not there; it's sent by proxy vote, right?

DELEGATE CORN: It is not a proxy vote.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Can I please clarify something?

DELEGATE CORN: Please since she is a committee member, Miss Lockridge.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: I would like to clarify, Delegate Harris, what Delegate Corn was speaking to. If there are only four of us there, we just discuss; we don't take any action until we have a quorum.

DELEGATE CORN: That's correct.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Well that's what I wanted

to clarify it so that it wouldn't be misunderstood.

DELEGATE CORN: Thank you very much.

Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT:I have a question. I didn't know that each member of your committee actually was going to do some writing. I thought that you were going to have staff to actually do the drafting of these articles and so forth. So what you are saying is that your committee -- each member of the committee will actually do the writing. Is that what you are saying?

DELEGATE CORN: We do it as a group. We go over each sentence and see that it is grammatically correct, that prepositions are in the right places, et cetera, et cetera, that the language is clear and simple.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: But what I'm saying when a proposal comes to your committee, you will not have the benefit of staff to actually do the writing?

DELEGATE CORN: That is correct.

DELEGATE THOMAS: I would like to reinforce you in what you say by not having a quorum. I came in yesterday at 4:00 and we were supposed to have a quorum and we sat there for two hours and never got a quorum. So I would hope that the committee members would understand the problem, number

one, and if they ratify what they are doing after they get a quorum, I don't see anything wrong with it.

DELEGATE CORN: Thank you.

Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes. I would just for a moment to take you back on something that my colleague from Ward 5 has addressed and that is in support of the position that you have taken, Madame Chair. There is nothing in our rules that prohibit the establishment of subcommittees. I mean what we have done in a committee yesterday was to constitute a subcommittee which would consider actions to make recommendations then to the full committee.

My concern is -- I think it was expressed yesterday -- well, first, I would say the subcommittee process will not violate our rules. That's number one. My concern is that if we don't get those quorums and aren't able to conduct the business, then we may not be able to meet the time on this. And I think it's paramount that we keep the 90 days in sight.

So I think that if the Chair of Style and Drafting wants to consider that rather than not having a quorum that she says, that there is a subcommittee in Style and Drafting.

DELEGATE CORN: That's a very good idea. Thank you

very much.

Bill Cooper had his hand up. Yes.

DELEGATE COOPER: I have a question concerning Style and Drafting report that I would like to direct to the President of this convention. I would only like to know under what authority did Ms. Paramore leave the committee and Ms. Graham join the committee, since our rules clearly state how that committee is supposed to be structured and how it is supposed to be staffed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let the President respond to that question.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: No, the question was addressed to the President. Let me make a response.

Delegate Graham met me in the hall yesterday and said that she desired to change committees. She wanted to move to the Style and Drafting Committee.

DELEGATE CORN: Excuse me, may I make something clear? Well before the first meeting of Style and Drafting and before the seven-day period was up between when you first announced the formation of that committee, Delegate Graham called me and asked me if she could join me. We did not have our twenty. I saw no reason why she could not

join. I informed Delegate Cooper that she wished to join.

During that same time period, the seven days after you announced the formation of this committee, Delegate Paramore approached me and told me that she wanted out of this committee. Her other responsibilities were too heavy. I also informed Delegate Cooper of that and it was also within the time period and I saw no reason -- since there is no slavery in this country -- that I could keep her.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any disagreement on those points now?

DELEGATE COOPER: Yes, I have great disagreement. I'm glad that Delegate Corn informed me. However, the rules clearly state that delegates may elect to serve on any of those two committees by notifying the President of the convention. Ms. Corn is not the President of the convention; I am not the President of the convention; Mr. Cassell is and he was not informed.

Not only that, but the period for joining that committee was to be closed seven days after the first convening. Mr. Cassell was not informed.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: One at a time please.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Now I want you all to be heard but I don't want you talking past each other. Please be recognized.

Now I think we heard what the Secretary said. You have a clarification. Let's have her clarification and then hear from others, one at a time.

DELEGATE CORN: Okay. Number one, those two actions -- one delegate dropping out and one getting in -- happened to be in the first seven days. I beg the convention's pardon but I was not aware of the full rules.

I did inform Delegate Cooper and since he was so well aware of rules, he should have passed that information onto you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. You've made your point.

So that this doesn't go on forever now, the Secretary has called to our attention that the rules require that the President be notified of who desires to serve on a particular committee. Right? Okay, that's clear.

Ms. Corn has said that the notification was given to the Secretary, that he should have advised me.

Now let me give you some more information before we get opinions. Delegate Graham spoke to me yesterday and said she would like to serve on that committee. Did I have any objections to it? I said, "Are there 20 people on

that committee yet?" She says no. I said I had no objections.

I would say now that the Chair was in error by implying that there could be a membership on a committee beyond that seven-day period which -- now also it means also a change from, what, Rules to Style and Drafting, right?

DELEGATE GRAHAM: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Were you not on Style and Drafting?

DELEGATE GRAHAM: May I clarify this?

THE CHAIRMAN: How about answering my question and then clarify? Were you not on Style and Drafting -- on the Rules Committee?

DELEGATE GRAHAM: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: You were not?

DELEGATE GRAHAM: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: So this does not represent a change from any committee?

DELEGATE GRAHAM: It doesn't represent a change.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Give us your clarification now.

DELEGATE GRAHAM: May I make something clear? The day I attended the first meeting of Style and Drafting --

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry. Would you say that again?

DELEGATE GRAHAM: -- I tried to inform you that day I went immediately to the committee meeting and I stayed there for the first one. I didn't think -- I was thinking that if somebody had skills and techniques that they could use at this convention, there would be no problem.

In the meantime I called Ms. Corn because she was chairperson of that committee, to let her know too so she could pass that information on. Then I went to my supervisor, who is my principal, and let her know that we were going to work all day this past Friday and I asked her about being off. So I did that because I thought the convention wanted to move along and I could add something. That's why I wanted to be on Style and Drafting.

And if that does not meet the requirements, I will still be on Style and Drafting but not so far as this convention is concerned because I know about the meeting now and I have a perfect --

THE CHAIRMAN: Say no more; say no more. That has been most persuasive.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Now wait a minute. You asked for recognition, for what purpose?

DELEGATE PARAMORE: Point of personal privilege.

I decided to change and I told her before they met that I was going to change from Style and Drafting to Rules before I had already been on Rules and I --

THE CHAIRMAN: Was that within that seven-day period?

DELEGATE PARAMORE: Yes, it was.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Please, Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: She said please put it in writing. So, okay, I put it in writing to the President.

And another thing you have to remember, during the convention there were subsequent committees, people changed and nothing was said, but these are operating committees.

DELEGATE COOPER: As I recall, a lot was said.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Cooper, please. Delegate Cooper. Let's stop the convention here now.

Now we can recess and the President will recess the convention if we are going to take another half hour discussing this. The President demands that everybody get his right to speak. That means everybody, right? Please don't interrupt.

Now I would like to make a ruling, if this ruling

would eliminate all of this. It is now 3:11, right? And we haven't finished with the first group of five and we've got another group of five.

VOICE: Six.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now let me say, unless there is going to be a big fight, I don't have any problem at this point if indeed there was an original expression on the part of Delegate Graham to serve on that particular committee unless there is a tremendous feeling that the rules must be interpreted in this instance so, so very strictly that we must debate.

I would like to rule, if there is not going to be no big fight, that she can stay on that committee if she wants. What's the reaction?

(Applause.)

DELEGATE COOPER: Mr. President, I have a tremendous disagreement. You asked if there was any and my feeling is that the President, first of all, does not have the authority to be repugnant to these rules. Therefore, his ruling is notwithstanding.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. The President asked for a general acceptance. You know, you can accept it or not.

DELEGATE CORN: Philip Schrag.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE CORN: Can I call now on Philip Schrag?

THE CHAIRMAN: No. I haven't turned the control of this back to you yet. Delegate Schrag, first of all, what do you want to talk about?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I want to support you and give you a reason why your ruling is absolutely correct within the rules and Delegate Cooper is wrong.

DELEGATE COOPER: I would love to hear that.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would hate to admit that I need that kind of support, but out of respect to you, sir --

(Laughter.)

THE CHAIRMAN: One minute please. I would like to move on. We've got six more -- five more reports to hear.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE CORN: Look, could you please let Mr. Schrag talk?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Delegate Schrag, I'm sorry.

There was a point of personal privilege here and then a point of information and I forgot. The point of

information, sir, and then Delegate Schrag.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Delegate Cooper has made the point that the President -- the Chairman of the Committee notified him and not the President as reported on the rules, that Delegate Graham wanted to join this committee. The rules says that delegates may elect to serve by notifying the President, but they do not say how that notice is to be conveyed.

But the fact of the matter is that the meeting of the Public Service Commission, the sign-up sheet for this committee was on the desk at the dais next to Delegate Cooper, thus indicating that the President had designated Delegate Cooper as the official means of notifying the President that a delegate wishes to join this committee. And, therefore, by notifying Delegate Cooper, Delegate Corn was notifying the President of the convention that Delegate Graham wanted to serve on this committee and the notice was proper and the President is correct.

(Applause.)

DELEGATE COOPER: Mr. President, may I speak to that?

I appreciate Delegate Schrag's --

THE CHAIRMAN: You may not speak to that.

DELEGATE COOPER: He was clearly wrong.

DELEGATE CORN: No, he wasn't.

DELEGATE CORN: Yes, he was. If you want to read the duties of the Secretary, which are spelled out in these rules, that the notification of the President of delegates' intentions and wishes and whims is not one of the duties of the Secretary. That's why the sign-up sheet is there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me say something: Delegate Schrag, I am not all persuaded by your argument. I made that ruling on the basis of my prerequisites, my prerogatives, I made that determination. But to say that the Secretary is my agent, that if he knows what I should know, is not acceptable. I certainly wouldn't want to establish that. I'm ready to move on.

What is your point of order?

DELEGATE JORDAN: I didn't ask for a point of order. First of all, I'm asking for a point of information. I have a problem with the rules at this point. I am going to say this because the rules act as a guideline so all of us will know what is expected of us. It gives us some reasonable understanding of how we should conduct ourselves. That's the only concern I have. If there is a violation of

one section and we set a precedent for doing it, then I think we could do it at another point and then it becomes a question of why we have got rules anyway. I mean we went through the labor, effort and time to adopt these rules and if they are distinctly different from Brown's rules or Robert's rules, that's not the problem.

Mr. Chairman, my point of information deals with Section 2.3, subsection (b) and it says here that the President -- the delegate may elect to serve on one or two operating committees by notifying the President of the convention not more than seven days after the President announces the convening of the first meeting of the committee.

Now, Mr. President, my point of information is on what date did you announce the convening of the first meeting of the committee,on what date did the committee have its first meeting, because we count seven days back from that?

Mr. President, all I am asking you is on what date did the President announce the convening of the first meeting of the Committee on Style and Drafting?

THE CHAIRMAN: My recollection is it was the plenary session before the last, two weeks ago from today.

DELEGATE JORDAN: If that's the question, Mr. Chairman, we've got a problem of reconciling what has occurred

with the provisions of Section 2.3(b). Now I'm not going to get into the argument based on what each individual -- people did. I'm only trying to protect the integrity of the rules. And all I'm saying is, you know, if that is the time, if the question that Delegate Cooper has raised is in fact appropriate, this time it should be dealt with.

Now I have another question. There is nothing in the rules that says a delegate cannot resign from a committee. Okay? I'm talking about the terms of seven days. That is the thing to me that is very important, instructive at least, and it says here that that must be gotten into. If we are going to make it 14 days, 16 days, like I say we are wasting our time.

So, Mr. Chairman, I would like to see if we could have a ruling establishing when that period of time was and then examine the situation that has occurred.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think there is general agreement of the President (inaudible) by the delegate. As I said, my recollection that that declaration was made at the meeting before last, the meeting before last on February 28th, two meetings ago.

Well, representation has been made by Delegate Jordan that the request for service on that committee was made

within that time. The difficulty is that it was not made in accordance -- strictly in accordance with the rules of the President.

Okay. Now I'm saying: How important is it that we spend this much time when there is no particular problem with who serves on a particular committee to remedy what was not a clear and concise observation and conformity to the rules. Right?

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: I recognize Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE COOPER: I withdraw all of my previous objections. I have no problem with whatever happens at this convention, but I must warn you I might not be going by these rules myself.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, Delegate --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hold it, hold it. She has been looking for recognition for a while. What is your --

DELEGATE EICHHORN: I think there is a simple way to clarify this procedure.

THE CHAIRMAN: He has asked for a point of parliamentary inquiry. Now do you have something which supersedes that? Otherwise, we will have to respond to them first.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: I would like to move to suspend these rules.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm afraid I'm going to have to respond to the point of -- I will recognize you afterwards. Delegate Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: It appears to me the Chair has given a ruling on this and Mr. Jordan is out of order. Unless he wants to make a motion and feel the ruling of the Chair, I would like to move that we continue with the agenda.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair is not making a hard fast ruling. The Chair is asking for some general understanding. I'm not being very technical here now.

All right, Delegate Eichhorn and then Delegate Robinson. Delegate Mason.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE EICHHORN: I would like to make a motion under Rule 5.2 to suspend these rules with a purpose of approving the apointment of Delegate Graham to Style and Drafting Committee.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE ROBINSON: May I please -- Mr. President, may I please --

THE CHAIRMAN: There is a motion on the floor, ladies

and gentlemen.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Robinson. May I have your attention for just one moment?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I chair the Rules Committee and I'm very concerned about the behavior of the delegates and the mockery of the rules. We have a procedure for handling these kinds of problems and the procedure is very simple. You refer to the Rules Committee. We will make a decision. And then we can move on.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I know it is correct. So I wish that the President would refer the problem to the correct body which is the Rules Committee. We will make the decision and we will move on so we don't sit here all day.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Mr. President, I would like to inquire of the President: How do we interpret the requesting of the President of these rules -- what was that 2.5? How is the delegate to notify you? I would like to know that, Mr. President.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will tell you how I consider that notified -- by word of mouth, by telephone, by letter,

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by memorandum, anything --

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: So from now on when we want to notify you of anything, we cannot do it through the Executive Secretary or through anybody else. It has to be done directly through you. Is that the interpretation?

THE CHAIRMAN: If you direct something to the Executive Secretary who has the responsibility to tell me everything that you tell her, then that's notification.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: How about if you got it through the Secretary who is a delegate of the convention?

THE CHAIRMAN: I would say no. I would say that you would have to have one person who has that. There is no reason why you can't go through the Executive Secretary.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Wait a minute, I'm not finished. At the time, we did not have the Executive Secretary. That was the only Secretary we had. I just want the record to show that. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Graham.

DELEGATE GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, may I say this? I understand it was announced on the 28th -- or whenever that

was -- the 27th -- that Friday I met with the Style and Drafting Committee. I want you to know why I met, because this convention needs skilled people in working on committees. I feel quite capable to make contributions to that committee and that's why I sought to be on that rather than Rules. Now if you put me off, I will still serve on that committee as a citizen, but not as a delegate. I'd rather serve as a delegate. Unless you say as a citizen I cannot do it, I will do it. I will make my contributions.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Graham, I don't know why you are making that point.

DELEGATE GRAHAM: (Inaudible.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Graham, please, I'm interrupting you. I've already ruled that you are on the committee. What are you arguing about?

DELEGATE GRAHAM: Okay.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I regret that today's meeting has deteriorated to this state, but I will say that I called for the order of the day and all that means is that you will make a decision that we will go to our next report and thus move, please.

VOICES: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

It has been moved and seconded that we go to the agenda, the order of the day.

All in favor?

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

VOICE: Nay.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Abstain?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion carries and that's the order of business.

All right. The second group of committees chaired by -- oversight by Delegate Baldwin who is not here and who has asked our third Vice President to report for him, Delegate Freeman.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Delegate Baldwin asked all the committee chairs of his to please remember to in the future write a written report in addition to submitting your minutes to the Executive Secretary. I note that Delegate Jerry Moore is not here today. So I would like to call on Delegate Charles Mason to give the report on Preamble Bill of Rights Committee.

DELEGATE CHARLES MASON: The Preamble and Rights Committee, the committee met twice within last week, Monday and Wednesday, and intends to meet likewise twice during the coming week. The committee has previously appointed a subcommittee of four people to draft a proposed preamble. That subcommittee has met on more than one occasion; individual members produced drafts, very preliminary drafts, one of which happens to be attached to one of those sets of minutes which I believe was passed out, but several other members of the committee also produced drafts.

The subcommittee met since the Wednesday meeting of the full committee and I am informed by members of that subcommittee that a draft preamble is ready for presentation at our committee meeting on Monday.

The committee will then deal with that draft preamble and prepare and make whatever changes the committee decides upon to present to the delegates of the convention at the appropriate time at the plenary session.

Upon completion of the preamble, we will continue with the rest of our assignments which have to do with the provisions of the constitution having to do with rights.

I would say that the committee is diligently going about its business and will be reporting to the convention with

actual material for the constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Mr. Chairman, the Judiciary Committee meets every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 and I would like to report that we are making a lot of progress.

We haven't received any proposals yet, but we are open for proposals to deal with the judiciary argument. We have had five meetings and last week we had Mr. Thomas Duckingfield (Phonetic), as you can see by your minutes, President of the Washington Bar Association and chief clerk of the D.C. Superior Court who spoke on the topic, "The Judicial System in D.C." and he made the following points and we can see the points in the minutes.

I would just like to point out a couple of those: 1970 Courts Reform Act for the Unified Court System to D.C. with Superior Court and D.C. Court of Appeals and the Unified Court System in his opinion is working fairly well.

Also on the coming Monday, March 15th, O'Neal Small (Phonetic), instructor at American University, will brief the committee at 7:00 p.m. on the history of the judicial system in D.C. On Wednesday, on the following

Wednesday, March 17, 1982, Chief Appellate Court Justice, Newman, and Chief Superior Court Justice Carl Multry (Phonetic) have been invited to meet the committee at 7:00 p.m. Now this is tentative. I received a letter from the chief and he said he would talk with the other chief to decide how they would make that presentation. So we might, Mr. Chairman, need the permission of the body to have an option of meeting with the judges and meeting here.

Well, maybe I should make that a motion, that we have that flexibility.

DELEGATE THOMAS: I second the motion.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: The motion is we usually meet every Monday and Wednesday and we have invited judges for Wednesday, but it's not final yet. So we may have to vote too on that date or whatever, but I will so inform.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you want to state the purpose of the meeting?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: The purpose of the meeting is to get the ideas on the judicial article and various information from the chief justice.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. It has been moved and seconded that the Judiciary Committee be allowed to meet, if necessary, with the judges or have the option to meet with the judges in

their quarters or some other place.

Second.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Discussion?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

DELEGATE COOPER: I would like to know the time and address of the meeting.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Well, it's scheduled at 7:00 on Wednesday, but I will try to notify the chair (inaudible).

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor signify by saying "aye".

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Oppose?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Okay. The last item is on Wednesday, March 24th, Monday, March 29th, Wednesday, March 31st -- the committee will start drafting the tentative article showing actions so that persons testifying can respond to options.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Executive Secretary has all of

this information, right?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Freeman.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Delegates Coates for Finance and Taxation.

DELEGATE COATES: Mr. Chairman, our Vice Chair will present the report.

(Applause.)

DELEGAGE NIXON: First of all, let me bring greetings to everybody and, before I start, I hope that the behavior today doesn't deter the young men in the back of the room from not coming back. But I'm glad to see them out here at the convention and whoever is responsible for bringing them here, I commend you for that.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation has held four meetings since the beginning of the convention and have in addition to electing a chair and having elected a Vice Chairman, which is myself, we have sent notice -- and made contacts with different organizations or departments such as the Mayor's Budget Office, the D.C. Department of Commerce, the City Councilman, Mr. Wilson, who handles the Committee for Finance and Revenue, Colonel Smith, the D.C. Treasurer of the Office of Management and Budget. And we

also have contacted experts in the field of finance and tax.

Each member of the committee was assigned a study group of the state constitutions and become familiar with the relevant finance and taxation provisions of those constitutions. We are now beginning to discuss issues such as referendum and bond issues, state banking commissions, provisions for various types of bonds, power of local governments to tax, debt ceiling, capital budget, requirements of balanced budget, spending authority and budget development approval and others.

We have tentatively discussed public hearings and there was a discussion of a roundtable discussion with experts following at a later date by hearings that will have the public and experts comment on our draft proposal. It was finally agreed that a more efficient way to gather information and opinions was to write the various experts and ask for their opinions in writing. Using this information, we will write a draft proposal which will be critiqued at public hearings.

The following dates were tentatively decided upon as benchmarks for completing our first draft and holding public hearings: On March 31st we hope to have a completion of a rough draft; on the weekend of April 3rd we want to clean

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up the wording, type it, duplicate it and mail it to interested parties. On Monday, March 12th, in the evening we hope to have our first hearing, and on Wednesday, April the 14th, in the evening we hope to have our second.

There was a discussion of how we should proceed in writing the draft. There was a general agreement that we would discuss the various topics and get a consensus as to the points we wanted in the section. Delegates would then write up a draft based on those discussions.

The draft sections will be reviewed by the entire committee and the entire article will finally be written. Several delegates noted that the importance of being aware of the impact that our committee's worth might have in other committees, it was agreed that there should be a joint meeting of effective committees or their respective chairs to discuss these questions. March 17th or so was mentioned as the time frame.

Also there was concern among the delegates that we needed a secretary which I assume will be corrected next week. We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 and we invite all delegates and the public to come to the meeting. Also two of our delegates -- Delegate Barnes and Delegate Garner's birthdays were on March the 8th and I hope the

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convention wishes them a happy belated birthday.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Excuse me, Barnes and who else?

DELEGATE NIXON: Garner.

THE CHAIRMAN: And Garner. Delegate Barnes, Delegate Garner, we wish you very, very well. Happy birthday.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, excellent report.

Delegate Thomas.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Mr. Chairman, the Delegation from Ward 5 -- I would like to thank Delegate Coates for giving the youngest delegate of this convention an opportunity to speak before this convention.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't see where they need any thanks. They obviously chose the most effective spokesperson.

Excuse me.

DELEGATE THOMAS: He is the Vice Chair of that committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Okay. Delegate Paramore.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: Good afternoon, delegation, mine is going to be short and sweet.

The fourth meeting of the Committee on Health, Housing and Social Services was held on March the 9th and a concentrated effort was set in motion by the delegates to identify the specific population which must be addressed in the finished document such as the physically handicapped, blind and deaf, the disabled, aged, dependent children, the alcoholic, et cetera.

The Committee assessed their perceived needs and priorities and decided that Mrs. Patricia Harris, former Director of HUD, Housing and Urban Development and HEW, Health Education and Welfare, will be the first speaker for an overview of all areas.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Correction, HHS. There was no HEW when she served.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: Okay, HHS. Thank you.

Mrs. Harris is scheduled to speak on Thursday, March 18th, 1982 at 5:30 p.m. This discussion will be held in conjunction with the Education Committee and also I understand the Executive Committee.

Further speakers for each committee will be invited to subsequent meetings and they are listed in the minutes which I will pass out to each of you.

Under the Social Services, which will be held on

Tuesday, March 23rd, we will have the following three speakers. The subsequent meetings on the 23rd, the 25th and the 30th will be held at 6:00 p.m. Our meetings are held from 4:00 to 6:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but these meetings with the speakers under the various areas will be held at 6:00 p.m.

We will have Mr. James Buford, Director of Department of Human Services; Mrs. Audrey Rowe, Commissioner of Social Services; Dr. Arthur Hoyte, Commissioner of Public Health. These speakers will be with us on March 23rd and you are all invited.

On Thursday, March 25th, under our health division Ms. Cheryl Fish, Legal Counsel for the Elderly; Dr. Jack White, Director of Cancer Research at Howard University; Dr. Albert Rousseau, former Director of the Department of Human Services for the 25th.

Under housing, Bob Moore, Department of Housing and Community Development; Dr. Albert Hopkins, Director, Anacostia Development Corporation; Mr. Michael William, Former head of the Association of Tenant Groups.

Further Delegate Robinson suggested that the Committee reach out for the expert input from various directors of agencies and Congress persons, to include national and

surrounding vicinities -- Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and others. The "Reach Out" ad hoc committee was formed with Delegate Warren as chair and Delegate Robinson as co-chairman.

The agenda for meeting five will consist of guest status report and speaker scheduling. A continuation of delegate assignments as follows, which you can read for yourselves, will also be a part of the number five meeting.

I thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Thomas and Delegate Simmons.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, I have no problem with Patricia Harris addressing this convention or committee, but I don't think it would be fair if we left out the rest of the candidates, including the Mayor. I think this was a kind of way, coming behind the door, to bring Miss Harris into this convention and I see it's getting a little political. So I want to make a motion that if we bring Miss Harris in that we should bring the rest of the candidates in.

DELEGATE CORN: I'll second that.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: As Committee Chair I have a problem with it. Patricia Harris was suggested because of her former expertise.

THE CHAIRMAN: Was there a second to that motion?

DELEGATE CORN: Corn seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that if or inasmuch as Delegate Harris has been invited to address the Committee on Health, Housing and Social Services that other delegates, other candidates for -- who, Mayor?

DELEGATE THOMAS: Mayor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Be invited.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: One thing I would like to say: If you invite the others, fine. If you want them to come to us under the heading of Health, Housing or Social Services, let me know their expertise and we can put them under that category because we are having our meetings under specific categories, and I need to know the expertise, what they want to speak to and let them come under that area, and I welcome it.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Delegate Simmons.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Yes. I had my hand up because I wanted to suggest by way of the committee's breakdown, which I thought was very good, that they might want to invite Dr. Dobbs from St. Elizabeth's, just based on the fact that that too -- mental health is also an important part of health.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: I would like to have speakers to

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the motion please.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Well, I am forced to speak to the motion because I thought people were being selected because of their experience, their expertise in a specific field. That's why Dr. Dobbs' name came to me. If Mrs. Harris is invited as a candidate as opposed to a person who has had experience and expertise in the specific areas germane to that committee, then I certainly want to support the motion that is before us. But I would like a clarification as to the status under which she was invited.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Delegate Paramore, could you answer that?

DELEGATE PARAMORE: Yes. We invited Mrs. Harris because of what I said, because of her former -- she was head of these agencies. She was head of the whole housing agency and the others and that's just it. And that's why we went into conjunction with the Education Committee because she was over that too.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: No, she was not.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Excuse me. One at a time. Delegate Simmons, are you speaking for or against the motion?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I was speaking for clarification.

I said I support the motion; if she was invited as a candidate, then indeed every candidate should be invited. If she was invited because of her expertise in a specific subject area that that committee is discussing, then I think that it's inappropriate to just invite -- I don't know what health service -- you know, there is Ray and Wilson; there are some undeclared candidates too.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: The committee agreed to invite her because of her expertise not because she was a candidate. And I would hope no committee would invite anyone to come in because they were a candidate.

(Applause.)

DELEGATE CASSELL: Madame Chairperson, I want to speak against the motion and I want to say this: I fully understand what Delegate Thomas is saying. In fact, when the name was first mentioned, I saw several raised eyebrows and I had a little bit of a twitch myself.

But I think we really can't think in terms of a political affiliation of a person. I think Delegate Simmons has made the point, that if we are going to think of the fact the person is a candidate and then think that we are obligated to be fair and provide a forum, we are not providing a forum. Say the person has that expertise, then they get

the benefit of appearing wherever they appear. But I would speak strongly against trying to invite all the mayoral candidates to address us just because one of them happens to be a mayoral candidate. We ourselves may decide what the convention wants to hear from people in the city government. We certainly at some point ought to hear from the head of our government. We certainly at some point ought to hear from our delegates. The head of our government has provided us many, many services which allows us to be right here. We certainly may want to hear from the city council person. They are the people who provided the money for this. I mean that's protocol and it makes good sense.

I wouldn't want to have to invite all of the candidates for city council chairperson. So I want to speak strongly against taking a position regarding the political aspirations of anybody and, as Gwen has said, inviting them only if they are qualified in any particular area.

DELEGATE OULAHAN: Point of order.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: There is a point of order, Delegate Oulahan.

DELEGATE OULAHAN: I would like to read Rule 8.4. "The President shall preserve order in the forum and in a debate recognize all those who desire to speak unless

the debate is closed pursuant to these rules. He or she shall not engage in any debate or propose his or her opinion on any subject except the assignment of his or her reason for a decision on a (inaudible)."

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Order here.

Delegate Corn is asking to hear from a parliamentarian at this point.

DELEGATE COOPER: I am raising a point of order. Can I be recognized, Madame Chairperson?

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE COOPER: Delegate Oulahan did not read the whole sentence. He left off the last part.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: I would like to read the latter part of the rule that Delegate Oulahan neglected to read which is: "Without first designating another delegate to occupy the chair." Delegate Cassell asked me to occupy the chair so that he could participate in the debate.

DELEGATE OULAHAN: My response is the fact that the President takes the position in the debate is something which will influence a lot of the delegates here. I read that rule that he should not participate in the debate except in a very exceptional situation. And I think we will have

a very bad precedent established. I say that with all due respect to the President because I know he is conscientious in his duties.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Point of order.

Madame Chair, I raised a point of order because I raised this question a few minutes ago of meaning of the intent and language of the rules when it came to the section that dealt with committees. Everybody said it was all right. I expressed my concern at that point and I am saying that we have already set a precedent today that when it becomes convenient for us to violate the rules in one instance and I didn't hear the person who is raising this concern support me when I argued the point about violating rules, and now all of a sudden when it is inconvenient to his interest, he stands up and raises a concern. And that's why I raised the point then.

Either we are going to respect the rules and follow them to the "T" or we might as well forget it. And we decided as a body because we moved away from the issue that whenever it becomes convenient for us, whenever it serves our interest to vacillate one way or the other and to disrespect whom we will.

And so I don't see why there is a need for us to

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discuss this question of 8.4 since we have already today set in motion the precedents for us doing just what we are doing now. Madame Chair, I am only saying that it is our order to entertain that concern about Section 8 -- I mean Rule 8.4.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: I am going to make a ruling and that is that is entirely within the scope of Rule 8.4, that the President himself could remove himself, designate another delegate -- in this case he designated myself to run the meeting -- so that he could speak. If somebody wants to appeal that rule, you may do so, but that's my ruling.

DELEGATE COOPER: I move the previous question.

VOICE: Second.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: All those in favor of moving the previous question, please say aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: All those opposed?

(No response.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Any abstentions?

(No response.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: The motion, as I understand it -- Mr. Secretary, would you repeat the motion?

DELEGATE COOPER: Yes. The motion was by Delegate

Thomas and that was that if Patricia Harris was allowed to address the convention, that all other mayoral candidates be afforded such an opportunity.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

VOICE: Would you repeat the motion again please?

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Would you repeat the motion again please, Delegate Cooper?

DELEGATE COOPER: The motion was by Delegate Thomas of Ward 4 --

DELEGATE THOMAS: Ward 5.

DELEGATE COOPER: And his motion was that if Patricia Harris is allowed to address the convention, that all the other mayoral candidates should be allowed to address the convention as well.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: The report is not asking for Patricia Harris to address the convention. It is that committee and another committee.

DELEGATE COOPER: I wasn't saying what the report said; I was saying what the motion was.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I am saying what the facts are and I think you ought to be accurate.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Delegate Simmons, I think you are

speaking to the content of the motion.

DELEGATE COOPER: The motion is on.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: We have a question on the floor now. Is there any confusion as to the meaning of the motion or the wording of the motion?

Delegate Eichhorn.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: My understanding of the motion was that if Patricia Harris was invited to speak as a candidate, then all the other candidates would be permitted to speak.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: But this is not the case. So the motion is out of order.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: Was she invited as a candidate or as an expert?

DELEGATE THOMAS: The contention was that she wasn't invited as a candidate. This was the way of bringing her here. So I have a problem --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: As I understand it, the motion did not make the distinction between how Patricia Harris was invited. Therefore, we are voting simply on the content of the motion.

Would you repeat it one more time please?

DELEGATE COOPER: Yes. The motion was by Delegate Thomas of Ward 5 that if Patricia Harris is allowed to address the convention, then all other mayoral candidates should be allowed to address the convention.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: There is a question on the floor. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: All those opposed?

(A chorus of "nays".)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hands.

(Raising hands.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: All right. All those opposed to the motion, raise your hands.

(Raising hands.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Abstaining.

(No response.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: There are 13 -- the motion is defeated. There are 13 voting in favor and 20 opposed and there are no abstentions.

Delegate Shelton.

DELEGATE SHELTON: May I inquire as to whether or not the delegate has invited an expert to her meeting of her

committee or whether or not there have been joined several committees to invite the expert to a joint meeting or whether or not the third thing is possible, that you have extended an invitation to those members of the committee to meet with you?

I think there is a very definite distinction. We have been in the habit of extending a meeting -- an invitation to others to join the meeting if it is in fact a meeting of three committees. I would suggest that at the time in which Patricia Harris, the head of that department of education, was not included in the department, although I feel that based on her responsibilities she is truly able to speak on that area, I just want a clarification as to whether or not it's a meeting of your committee and others of us are invited to attend.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: It's a meeting of our committee and others are invited to attend. The entire delegation is invited to attend and I would hope that you could all come to all meetings to learn.

DELEGATE SHELTON: When you were explaining, it sounded like three committees.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: I said the other two wanted to be in on it which means they could come in on it. But they

decided to join with us. They wanted to be a part. In other words, they probably would --

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Jones, Delegate Simmons, Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Can I -- you cut me off before.

DELEGATE JONES: No.

I have great concerns here about inviting mayoral candidates here to speak to committees. I don't know if they are experts, because they're candidates or anything, and I have great problems because there are many of us here who are supporting --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Point of order.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Mr. Chairman, we have voted on this motion. Now I understand that Delegate Jones --

DELEGATE JONES: I'm not speaking to the motion, Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Can I speak?

DELEGATE JONES: No, not in --

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: We have voted on this motion and I would suggest that any person can be invited the same way that she invited --

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THE CHAIRMAN: Your point of order would have to indicate that there is something wrong with that. I mean you can make that --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE JONES: Could I say what I stood to speak about? (Inaudible) invite anybody who was a mayor, who was a candidate for mayor. And my other problem that is coupled with this that the committee seems to be inviting those people who in quotes are "experts". And their speaking out of expertise up there, that is not being invited to speak to a consitution that hopefully is going to represent all the people of the District of Columbia. There are poor people who labor everyday in this community who are not being announced -- or not labor in this community, they labor in the national community to do things like strike down an unfair man in --

THE CHAIRMAN: Excuse me, Delegate Jones. Let me just ask you a question. I'm not interrupting you. I just want a point of clarification.

DELEGATE JONES: I was noticed to speak to this.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm going to let you finish. I would just for you to clarify. Are you making recommendations to the chair here now.

DELEGATE JONES: To the total convention. I don't want to make it just one committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. These are recommendations. You're not speaking to the past motion; you're not attempting to overturn the motion?

DELEGATE JONES: These people are not being invited as experts to this convention and we seem to be inviting the rich and the powerful and the people who make The Washington Post here to speak and experts. And I am having a great problem with that, because if this constitution is going to represent all of us, it's going to represent them.

And there are constitutions that I have read that said a state is responsible for its needy. And we need to also say it, that a meeting has a right of participation of its voters, being heard and being considered and in fact being those people who will be influencing what we write.

Thank you.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: I would like to say as the chairperson of the committee that we welcome any suggestions that you have and I hope the entire convention would be open. Marie Nihikian has left things in my box concerning housing. We don't know everything. When we're in a committee meeting, we're brainstorming, we're asking for names off the top of

a person's head and whoever -- if you have any suggestions, put it in my box and we will submit those names. We all -- each of us, we do not know everybody that is in the community. And I don't know -- and probably you do. So submit that to us and we will be glad to invite anyone you would suggest because we still are open.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Let me take one question and then I want to conclude.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: You had recognized me.

THE CHAIRMAN: I said one question, then I want to conclude after you.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: It is not a question; it is a statement, because what I wanted to say is the Executive Committee is inviting the Mayor because he is our chief executive. He is invited not because he is a candidate but because he has expertise as the executive in this and I think that's appropriate. And I would hope that the legislative body is going to invite the city council chairman or whoever.

But I think that we really sometimes ought to think with our plans instead of dealing with dealing with what actually is before us. There has been so much tongue turning to find out what we think --

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I think your points are well-taken but let her finish and then -- you know, these are things that we can mention another time. I don't think you are directing it to her.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Suffrage apportionment, et cetera, Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President.

The Suffrage Committee has met twice during the week of March the 8th. At the meeting of March the 9th a roundtable discussion was held with Council Members David Clark and Jerry Moore, Jr., serving as our consultants.

THE CHAIRMAN: Excuse me, just a minute. You are passing out reports for this committee? Could we just have a cessation of the moving around and give that courtesy to the speaker.

DELEGATE JOUNSON: There was general discussion on the articles under consideration by the committee. At the March 11th meeting a memorandum dated March 5th, subject "Subcommittee", a memorandum dated March 8th, subject "Notification" from the Secretary, Delegate Cooper, were read to the committee.

Also a memorandum dated March 11th, subject

"Administrative Procedures" from Executive Secretary, Mrs. Ellington, was read to the committee. There was discussion of and definition developed for each of the articles.

Based upon our research of the federal constitution, other state constitutions, the model constitution and indeed the Home Rule's Charter, we listed the broad parameters that the delegates may consider in drafting proposals.

The committee members then volunteered to draft specific articles. The subcommittee then are as follows: Suffrage, apportionment will be dealt with by Delegate Garner, Charles Mason and Graham; initiative and referendum proposals will be dealt with by Delegates Thomas and Bruning; recall -- articles on recall will be dealt with by Delegates Thomas and Brian Moore; amendments and revisions will be proposed by Delegates Jones, Jerry Moore and Brian Moore.

The committee established its calendar for the submission of proposals. On March 16th we will have issues, answers and discussion; March 18th we will have a study/ writing session; March 23rd we will have our first reading of proposals; and March 25th our second and final reading prior to the public hearing.

Discussion followed regarding the tentative schedule for the public hearings. The committee reviewed a draft

letter to participants developed by Delegate Thomas. A list of persons to be invited to testimony were developed by the committee. The chair will be responsible for contacting the participants and coordinating the hearing schedule.

Concern was expressed by committee members regarding: one, the overall scheduling of certain guests who may be sought for testimony by several committees, that is, the Mayor, other city officials, our representative to the Congress and so on; and secondly, the location for the public hearing.

I thank the members of the committee for being prompt for the meetings, doing their homework in spite of an impossible convention schedule and being resourceful and cooperative in the attempt to complete the task.

That ends my report.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Questions?

(No response.)

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Thank you, Delegate Johnson.

Delegate Robinson.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: A subcommittee of the Rules Committee met and we have passed out to all the delegates a proposed calendar of plenary sessions. However, let me please say that at the earliest convenience of the Executive

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Committee, the chairperson of the Rules Committee will be meeting with the Executive Committee to in fact go over what has been proposed.

We want you to be aware of the fact that there are approximately 110 -- 120 hours of actual plenary sessions left in the 90-day period, countdown period, and the proposal for committee reports of ten hours is taking that time period into consideration. I wish that everyone would at least think about the proposal here and at such times that we meet with the Executive Committee we will come out with something more definite.

Finally, it is my hope that discussions that we had here today would be averted by referring certain matters to the Rules Committee for its decision.

Are there any questions?

Yes, Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE CLARK: I am David Clark. With respect to the matter of calendaring at the last meeting of the City Council there was a proposal -- a bill reported to draft a cable TV request for proposal, which upon being reported was suggested to you the time frame for the drafting of that contractual proposal.

Council Member Schaffren (Phonetic) moved to cut

it down to 90 days. The Chairman of the Council moved to substitute for six months. The Chairman's proposal lost, whereupon another proposal was moved to 120 days. It lost and the 90-day amendment was passed.

Part of the Council's thinking by virtue of my having put it before the Council was that it was inequitable to call this convention to draft the constitution in 90 days and to draft a proposal for a constract in any longer period of time.

However, there remains within the Council a sentiment to grant a longer period of time for the drafting of the contractual proposal. I would think that there might be an amendment offered at the next meeting of the Council to give a greater period of time and I would think that the Council would be sensitive at that time. If it were to grant the design commission of the cable TV thing additional time to at the same time amend the Statehood's Act, to provide the Statehood Convention additional time.

It is because of that that I raise the matter at this time. I know the convention earlier said adopt it and let's see how far we could go attitude but there does appear to be an appropriate place in the Council's forthcoming agenda where the issue might be relevant and where the Council

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might be particularly sensitive to it.

I would not want to move an amendment without some guidance, however, from the convention.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Please, please, please, please.

Delegate Clark, it would appear to me that that concern would have to be first addressed to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee would then address it to the entire body and that is extension of time. As I understand it, at this point in time, we are moving ahead expeditiously to complete the drafting of the constitution in the 90-day period.

If the President, along with the Executive body, with the consent of the entire, wants to go to Council and request additional time, I think he or she should take that matter up immediately.

Yes, Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: First, I would like to make a point of inquiry to Delegate Clark and then I should like to bring up a few things. I have problems with the calendar.

The point of inquiry I have, Council Member Clark, is, well, even if they were willing to give us more time, if we have no money during that time period, what good would

that time do us, if we had no secretaries and no place to meet, et cetera? At the same time, if you were able -- if the Executive Committee and this convention agreed to ask for more time and if the Council were so amenable as to grant us more time, would they also grant us more money?

Please bear that in mind when you make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Now I would like to bring up my problem with the calendar. First of all, you are stating that every Monday, Wednesday and Friday it would be from 1:00 to 6:00 and every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 11:00. Would it be possible -- will you reconsider this so that one week Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 to 6:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 11:00 and the next week it's the reverse?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Well, may I just please say this? First, the time frames that are mentioned there were extracted from a survey. So they were based on a survey.

DELEGATE CORN: I appreciate that. Nonetheless, there are some of us who may be of a minority who on Tuesdays and Thursdays at nights have other obligations.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE ROBINSON: The other thing is the President

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of our convention, Mr. Cassell, has informed me that an effort, a concerted effort will be made to use the influence and power of his office to induce government agencies and private employees to grant block periods of annual -- of administrative leave to all delegates so that we can in fact have plenary sessions during the a.m., during the day.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE CORN: When you go back to the subcommittee your committee, would you please bear in minds the comments that I have made as chair of the Style and Drafting, the time we will need to put this document in perfect English and grammar.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Okay. May I please say we are cognizant of the time frame that's needed for your committee to do the necessary things to all of the various sections of the constitution and we anticipated that each branch or each committee would not use the entire ten-hour period for first and second reading.

Yes.

DELEGATE TALMADGE MOORE: I'm concerned, Mr. Robinson, about the sessions that we have for our committee meetings and I'm wondering if this Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays is a bit too much, the time for the plenary session?

I'm wondering about this. Of course, you say you've got this survey. But I'm still wondering in that we have a good schedule now; we have an excellent schedule, I think, and I was wondering whether your committee would be willing to take that under consideration with these drastic changes here.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: This is not because these are drastic changes. This is a proposal we will take -- we will meet with the Executive Committee and we will try to hammer it out from that point on.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Just for information, I would just like to bring to the attention of the delegates who are here the point that the Executive Committee has indeed established a proposed calendar at this point and that's something we must keep in mind because that calendar has a specific starting date and a specific number of meeting dates during the week. And ultimately what it adds up to is 110 hours of deliberations by this body prior to some final actions on the constitution or the document.

Now what we have tried to do on this committee is to structure it in such a way is that we will still maintain the number of hours that we have and also recognizing that the chair has on several occasions received information from

delegates indicating that their preference would be in terms of time.

I would just like the delegates here to understand that the committee can consider their concerns but ultimately we must bring something back to this body if we are going to act on it, if we are going to have a calendar at all. That's important.

The second thing is that we are very cognizant and sensitive to the concerns of those individuals who may not be able to make all the sessions, but we recognize that in terms of the survey that was done, we should have at least a quorum to do business, and that way the work of this convention can continue. And I just think the delegates ought to understand that that is not arbitrary process that we have involved ourselves in, that on several occasions the chair of this committee sought information and received information from delegates in terms of what their preference for the times they would meet and we have used that and adopted it and incorporated it in this report.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Thank you. Delegate Love was next and Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE TALMADGE MOORE: Moore.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Moore, I'm sorry.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Brian Moore, Ward 2. Three areas of concern here. This is a proposal from your committee or your subcommittee.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: It's a proposal from our subcommittee. I said initially that a subcommittee of the rules committee.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Okay. So that if this is a proposal of the subcommittee, then we ultimately will wait for the full committees.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: That's why we are going to meet with the Executive. I said within the next week we will meet with the Executive Committee and hopefully we will come out with something definitive to present to the body.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Then when that is completed, you will then submit it to the floor of the convention?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Of course.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: I would like to express my concern about the plenary session being held during the daytime.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Thank you very much.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: I would prefer that they be held strictly in the evenings so as many delegates as possible will be participating.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Thank you very much.

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DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: You know, it seems to me you are serving -- if I recall, I know it's a couple of months ago, that it was reported to us that it was like fifth or sixth down the list about having the daytime, and I'm not sure this conveys that.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I think you are incorrect. I don't have the actual survey with me, but it was not fifth or sixth, it was third.

He said that it was fifth or sixth preference in regards to daytime plenary sessions. I know it was not fifth or sixth; it was the third, if my memory serves me correctly.

But we will take consideration of your concern. Thank you.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: This is in reference to Mr. Jordan's concern earlier in the day. I appreciate his concern about conducting business that was contrary to the rules and, at the same time, I was concerned about expediting the matter and our President did make a ruling. However, I still think that we should adhere to the rules as strictly as possible and so, while Mr. Jordan was standing to express his disatisfaction with the delegate who has raised the question about the rule, I submitted to you, Mr. Robinson, a

proposed amendment to the rules on the appointing of individuals to the two operating committees. So I would like to have Mr. Jordan know, as well as the body, that there is a proposed amendment to the rules regarding a change in how our participants will be on the two operating committees, because I am concerned about adhering to the rules.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I will discuss it with the committee at the next meeting.

Delegate Schrag and Secretary Cooper.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Three short points: First, I would like to thank the Rules Committee and its subcommittee for the work that it has done and note that the proposed calendar that we have from the Committee on Rules begins daily plenary sessions on April 28th, which is substantially earlier than the May 10th date that had earlier been set for the ending of the committee work or the beginning of daily plenary sessions.

I think the Rules and Calendar Committee is being realistic in sticking that we are going to need this much time on the floor and I encourage it to continue to adhere to this proposal to start the daily plenary sessions earlier.

Second, I heard earlier today in one of the reports that the Committee on Preamble and Rights may be close to the

completion of its work on the preamble and may have that ready for us even as early as perhaps next week. And I take it that nothing in this calendar means that we have to wait until April 28th to consider matters on the floor.

And finally, there is a paragraph in the written report in which it says that you proposed that Chapter 3 of the Rules be revised to provide for first and second readings of different sections taking place during the same plenary session. I would like to call to the attention of the subcommittee the fact that this is an unnecessary change in the rule because Rule 6.2 already permits --

DELEGATE ROBINSON: First of all, it is not a proposal. We are not making a proposal. We are only pointing out that it is already in the Rules that we can have the reading of different sections of a given proposal taking place during the same plenary sessions.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: We can or cannot?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: We can.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Yes. So, therefore, no change in the rules is necessary.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: No. That's a typographical error.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Okay.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: There was a request to speak on the part of Delegate Cooper. And may I please say that it appears that most of the questions are becoming rather redundant. We are going to take all of your concerns. The Executive Committee is here. All that we have mentioned here is for your consideration.

We have anticipated that the Preamble and Bills of Rights would more than likely be first in presenting its committee report. We realize that we need a tune-up, a procedural committee and we thought that this would be the simplest committee in terms of giving us some experience, expertise in going about it.

So please, I think we have taken enough time.

Yes?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I didn't hear that preamble -- what was stated.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Delegate Mason did not say that they would by-pass -- (simultaneous discussion).

Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE COOPER: Yes, Delegate Schrag addressed my concern. However, I would hope that when these members come up, they are in accordance with Rule 7.1, but I'm sure since you are the chairman of the Rules Committee that

will happen.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Last question.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I appreciate Delegate Clark's bringing up the issue of the 90 days and the possibility of extending it. I would like us to consider that issue because I think if we get trapped by the 90 days what we haven't considered ourselves, it will be because of that, th we haven't considered it ourselves.

Therefore, I would like to -- when is that coming up?

DELEGATE CLARK: A week from Tuesday.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: I would like to put a motion on the floor to direct the Executive Committee and in conjunction with the -- consulting with the Rules Committee to make a determination on whether or not at this time we should ask for an extension of the 90 days and come back to the body with a recommendation and have the body vote on it.

So I am making that motion.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Second.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: There was a motion placed by Delegate Rothschild. May you please repeat that motion for the benefit of the chair please?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: My motion is to direct the

Executive Committee in conjunction with the Rules and Calendar Committee to consider the 90-day issue and whether or not we want to try to extend that 90 days through an action before the City Council -- motion to the City Council. So my motion is to spur you on, spur the Executive Committee on to make that consideration, bring it back to the body and then if there is need to go on with it to direct --

THE CHAIRMAN: Did you say direct or request the Executive Committee?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Request.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Was there a second to that motion?

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Discussion.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak against the motion. I have discussed this with my colleagues from Ward 2. My concern is that we would delay the process beyond the times we might be able to vote on it this year, that's number one. And the second thing is just to ask for an extension without appropriate funds to accomplish the task would not be reasonable for us at this particular point in time.

I don't think too -- I don't know how the Council

of the District of Columbia would do this in terms with the 30-day layover period. A legislation would have to do it, the Congress of the United States. I don't know how they would declare it emergency existing to extend the legislation. I mean I'm just saying there are some questions involved and some planning that we have to do usually based on a 90-day period of time. And I don't want to unnecessarily raise any false hopes and I think that this amendment could possibly do that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE CLARK: David Clark at large. When I presented the proposition, I did not mean to cause a determination of whether it be requested at this time. It has come through, I guess, procedural accident of the cable TV bill coming forward, the issue presenting itself to the Council in that fashion, at a time when maybe we weren't ready for it. What I asked for is guidance and that would mean objection and lack thereof.

It would not have to carry the posture of a request as to what I might do in the way of procedural parliamentary removal on the floor of the Council. So I was not actually looking here for a request; I was looking for guidance.

The second thing there has been discussion of money. The Council considers appropriations separately from legislative acts and accordingly there could not be as part of the action additional monies and I think you ought to know that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me make one clarification for our edification. There may be a feeling on the part of some people that the time frame is too short and that we can't accomplish our goals, but I sense that in the convention that the determination has already been made that not only will we try to function within the stated time frame, but we will try to complete it a week earlier. And it is necessary for us to have made such a decision early in the game so that all of our planning, all of our scheduling and so forth is geared toward that.

If indeed something should happen outside of the convention which granted us more time and the funds, you know, I'm certain we could adjust to that. It might be disruptive of our ongoing process now in the schedules and the hearings and so forth for the convention to even become involved in that sort of thing. If you are looking for guidance, I don't know what that guidance would be. The guidance would be, what, yes or no?

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DELEGATE CLARK: Objection or lack thereof. I understand what you are saying. Discipline has been established and the course has been set and it's not even clear whether it will be successful. However, I wouldn't have wanted to do it on the floor of that body of which I am a member without having presented the issue to the convention, that you knew that it was pending and having not received an objection.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. The motion wasn't quite that. Now don't you want to change his motion in line with the clarification or withdraw that motion?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: I'm sorry. I was speaking during the period that --

DELEGATE CLARK: I was saying that I wasn't asking the convention for a vote yes or no. I wanted guidance. So if you want to change the motion, the Executive Committee --

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: I will so change the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Point of order. All right. Make an amendment to your -- somebody make an amendment to the --

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: I will make the motion that the Executive Committee be directed to consider the desirability --

THE CHAIRMAN: Point of order.

DELEGATE COOPER: There is a motion on the floor and he is just saying he is going to make another motion.

I believe the only thing that is in order is an amendment or a substitute motion or some motion of a higher precedence.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Can you just withdraw the motion?

THE CHAIRMAN: You can amend it or make a substitute --

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: I withdraw the previous motion and restate it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does the seconder accept the withdrawal.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: The seconder is gone, sir, Delegate Thomas (sic).

THE CHAIRMAN: Will somebody like to make a substitute motion? Would you care to make a substitute motion?

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Can I make a substitute motion?

The substitute motion would be that the Executive Committee be directed to --

THE CHAIRMAN: You keep using that term "directed". I have suggested "requested" and you said okay the last time. It just sounds better.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

The Executive Committee be requested to consider the issue of asking for an extension of the 90-day period from the City Council and that their opinion be used as guidance for Mr. Clark as to what actions he will take.

THE CHAIRMAN: This sounds like the same thing you said before.

DELEGATE CLARK: Could I just say: Would you phra your substitute to say that the Executive Committee give guidance to those of us who are council members.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Why don't you make the substitute motion?

DELEGATE CLARK: Well, I'm asking for it; I don't want to make it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The chairperson of the Executive Committee will take your request under advisement and we will seek some recommendation to provide guidance for Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE CLARK: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: And we promise you we will do that very faithfully.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Point of inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Hilda Mason. I would like

to know will the delegates themselves have any say on this?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Executive Committee would have to make a recommendation to the body before any request would be made of a delegate, in this case Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Thank you, Mr. President.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Is it understood that will be done before the Council's vote on -- it's a week from this Tuesday. So we have to consider it in the next plenary session.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Robinson.

DELEGATE TALMADGE MOORE: Point of inquiry please.

I just want Delegate Clark to take into consideration that if we do get an extension, that means approximately another year because we won't be able to get this on the ballot in November if we give it another 60, 30, 90 days, whatever the case will be. So I want to remind you to take that under consideration.

DELEGATE CLARK: Personal privilege.

I never indicated any intention even with guidance to move to mandate that the convention take longer. I only wanted the convention's guidance on whether to move to allow the convention to take longer.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. You're referring to the

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convention now.

DELEGATE CLARK: Huh?

THE CHAIRMAN: You're referring to the convention now. You're talking about us, right?

DELEGATE CLARK: Yes.

DELEGATE JONES: I would like to ask Council Member Clark --

VOICE: Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE JONES: Well, no, he is asking something as Council Member at this point.

I would like to ask Delegate Clark why he would not go as a Council Member? You know, I think everybody in the convention would agree that they would like more money and why -- well, not everybody; some are shaking their heads. But I was saying that I was sure that you were positive they would respect the vote, that they would like to take longer plus have money, because it doesn't make sense to have no money -- why you just could not go and fight for the convention?

DELEGATE CLARK: Mrs. Jones, I thought I amended the rule of this convention on prior occasions and did not.

(Laughter.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Robinson, are you completed

with your report, sir?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Yes.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: When you pass any amendment, do you direct it for a motion?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Okay. There is a motion on the floor. Does everybody know what the motion is?

VOICE: No, there isn't a motion.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE COOPER: Mr. President, Rothschild made a motion; that motion got accepted. Mr. Rothschild made a substitute motion. That motion died for lack of a second. Therefore, the main motion is still on the floor.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: It was my understanding that when I made the motion the chair accepted that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I accept that. I accept the whole sense of the motion.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE COOPER: The motion is still on the floor.

THE CHAIRMAN: I regret very much to rule that there is not a motion on the floor, sir.

DELEGATE COOPER: But there is a motion on the

floor.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. The chair has ruled that there is not.

Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I did want to make my motion to adjourn.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your point of order?

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: I want to make every effort to avoid the impression of trying to step some delegate's concern aside. It was my understanding, sitting next to the maker of the motion that he withdrew the original motion and he made a second motion, an amendment, -- a substitute motion and then he withdrew that after the understanding from you. So there is no motion on the floor.

DELEGATE COOPER: His substitute motion died for the lack of a second. He did not withdraw it.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: This discussion is out of order.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Please, let's be quiet.

I have obtained some additional wisdom from the parliamentarian. A motion was withdrawn; the seconder accepted

the withdrawal. It no longer -- well --

DELEGATE COOPER: It's wrong.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Please, you have to hear me out now. A point has been made about respect for the rules. Now I don't mind expediting things from time to time but at least I want to make sure that the next time this issue comes up, I understand correctly how to deal with it. If I want to expedite and you want to vote me down, then we will know clearly what it is.

Now let me find out what happens when the maker of a motion withdraws it and the seconder is no longer here to accept it.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Before a made motion has been stated by the chair, it's the property of its mover who can withdraw it or modify it without asking the consent of anyone. Thus, in the brief interval between the making of the motion and the time when the chair places it before the assembly by stating it, the maker can withdraw it as follows: "Mr. President, I withdraw a motion", or, "Mr. President, I wish to modify the motion by striking out 'demand' and inserting 'urge'."

Therefore, since the President never stated that

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motion, there was some discussion, right. The motion belongs to the maker of the motion and the maker of the motion withdrew it.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE CLARK: I just want it to be very clear --

THE CHAIRMAN: What was it a point of?

DELEGATE CLARK: Personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: Personal privilege.

DELEGATE COOPER: Mr. Chairman, you just stated that before the motion is restated by the chair, it still belongs to the mover. However, the President -- he asked the Secretary to restate the motion and, given that the Secretary and the parliamentarian is in (inaudible) of the chair, it was in effect restated by the chair and belongs at that point to the body.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is an opinion, sir.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE CLARK: A point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: Personal privilege.

DELEGATE CLARK: I want everybody to be very clear that the City Council's rules are such -- this is just an act of something of information. The City Council rules are such that a motion in cable TV bill to give more time

cannot give more money. I just want to be clear about that, because there is a lot of talk for time and money. That will have to be a whole separate issue.

THE CHAIRMAN: Point of order, Brian Moore.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: If this will help the chair at all, when the maker of the motion did so, I seconded it. However, Mr. Robinson told you that Delegate Thomas seconded it, but the recorder over there recorded my name as the seconder of the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Have you verified that?

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Yes, she has verified it, right. So I don't know if that helps you all, but the person who seconded the motion was here and he withdrew the motion and I withdrew my second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Did you withdraw your second?

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: At first I was trying to be nice, but now I move that the meeting be adjourned.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

DELEGATE CORN: Discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor -- no discussion now -- those in favor signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

(A chorus of "nays".)

THE CHAIRMAN: The "ayes" have it.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Division of a question. Those in favor of adjourning, please raise your hands?

(Raising of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor of adjourning, raise your hands.

(Raising of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Sixteen.

Those opposed to adjourning?

(Raising of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Three.

Those abstaining?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:40 p.m., the plenary session was adjourned.)

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